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**Subject:** RE: East Chicago Sanitation District - Wastewater Discharge Permit Related  
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Hello Jose,

Forgive my late response. I'm forwarding your request to Jodie Opie for a response. Please consult with her on this matter.

Take care,

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**Subject:** IMP: East Chicago Sanitation District - Wastewater Discharge Permit Related

Hello Newton:

Good Afternoon to You.

As for the purpose of this emailing, please recollect that I recently called and suggested that the District is considering terminating Cleveland Cliffs Inc. (formerly ArcelorMittal USA LLC) wastewater discharge permits. Relative to this consideration, the District sought your input and in response, you suggested that you needed to gain additional insights from your respective colleagues. As the consideration to terminate Cleveland Cliffs permit as associated to outfall number 804 has been pending since 01/02/22, please be advised that the District continues to seek your timely return response so as to bring this matter to closure. Please be further advised that the permits associated to oufalls 931, 934 and 935 are scheduled for renewal come 06/06/22. As such, the District also seeks your input relative to the consideration of terminating these three additional wastewater discharge permits.

Please be advised that Cleveland Cliffs outfalls 804, 931, 934 and 935 all discharge the following types of wastewaters to the POTW:

1. Sanitary water and
2. Once through cooling water for air conditioners

As Cleveland Cliffs has four Outfalls, the succeeding table further depicts total monthly wastewater discharge:

<b>Cleveland Cliffs, Inc. – Monthly Wastewater Discharge – Gallonage</b>				
<b>Outfall</b>	<b>01'22</b>	<b>02'22</b>	<b>03'22</b>	<b>Average</b>
804	3,151,670	2,749,890	3,571,990	3,157,850
931	452,130	382,536	243,138	359,268
934	248,880	309,205	372,000	336,695
935	8,736,403	7,254,861	7,120,213	7,703,825
Total Gallons/Month	12,589,083	10,696,492	11,307,341	2,889,409

The following table depicts Cleveland Cliffs Notices of Violation:

<b>Cleveland Cliffs, Inc. – Annual Issuances of Notices of Violation</b>				
<b>Outfall</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022 (as of 4/18/21)</b>	<b>Total</b>
804	0	0	0	0
931	0	0	0	0
934	0	2	0	2
935	0	0	0	0
Total	0	2	0	2

This table further depicts types of violations:

<b>Cleveland Cliffs, Inc. – Types of Violations</b>				
<b>Outfall</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022 (as of 4/18)</b>	<b>Total</b>
804	0	0	0	0
931	0	0	0	0
934	0	2 - CN	0	2- CN
935	0	0	0	0

Total	0	2- CN	0	2-CN
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In closing and serving as clarification, the District seeks your timely return response as it relates to the consideration to terminate Cleveland Cliffs Inc. wastewater discharge permits as associated to outfalls 804, 931, 934 and 935. As the District will remain attentive to receiving your timely return response, thank you in advance for your much appreciated input and

Standing By,

*Jose Cisneros*

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